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SUBJECT: MALACCA STRAITS TRAFFIC SEPARATION SCHEME (TSS)

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1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED REFTTEL WITH FONOFF LOS DIRECTOR KUME AS IGUCHI WAS UNAVAILABLE AT TIME. KUME ACKNOWLEDGED THAT GOJ HAD PLEDGED ITS SUPPORT OF TSS AT IMCO MEETING, BUT NOTED THAT JAPANESE HAD NOT YET SEEN DETAILS OF MALACCA STRAITS STATES' JOINT SUBMISSION. KUME STATED THAT PM FUKUDA HAD RECEIVED ASSURANCES DURING HIS RECENT SE ASIAN TOUR THAT JAPANESE REQUEST FOR FIVE YEAR GRACE PERIOD BEFORE IMPLEMENTATION OF 3.5 METER UNDER KEEL CLEARANCE REQUIREMENT WOULD RECEIVE "FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION." WHILE JAPANESE DESIRED SOMEWHAT MORE DEFINITE COMMITMENT AND REMAINED
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UNSURE WHEN GRACE PERIOD WOULD ACTUALLY BEGIN, KUME BELIEVED THAT THIS ASSURANCE WOULD SATISFY JAPANESE CONCERNS. POTENTIALLY MORE TROUBLESOME POINT, KUME WENT ON, WOULD BE PRECISE DELINEATION OF TRAFFIC CHANNELS IN AREA OF BATU BERHANTI CONTAINED IN TSS SUBMITTED TO IMCO. IN RECENT MONTHS FONOFF HAD BEEN RELATIVELY OPTIMISTIC THAT BATU BERHANTI

DELINEATION AS ORIGINALLY PROPOSED BY MALACCA STRAITS STATES WOULD BE MODIFIED, BUT WAS NEVERTHELESS CONCERNED THAT, AT INSISTENCE OF INDONESIANS, ORIGINAL DELINEATION, WHICH WOULD SERIOUSLY IMPEDE JAPANESE TRAFFIC, WAS NOW WRITTEN INTO TSS.

2. KUME STATED THAT JAPANESE DELEGATION TO IMCO MEETING WOULD BE HEADED BY NAGAHARU TOMITA OF MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION.

3. COMMENT: WE HAVE LEARNED THAT FONOFF LOS DIVISION HAS EXPRESSED SIMILAR ANXIETIES OVER AS YET UNKNOWN DETAILS OF TSS TO LOCAL UK EMBASSY. JAPANESE APPREHENSIONS MAY WELL BE UNFOUNDED. ANY UNPLEASANT "SURPRISES" AS IN REGARD TO BATU BERHANTI DELINEATION, HOWEVER, MIGHT WELL INHIBIT OR AT LEAST DELAY GOJ'S FULL SUPPORT AND ACTIVE LOBBYING ON BEHALF OF TSS. END COMMENT.
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